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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA, BUTTE DIVISION

THE IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN COURT OF  
THE STATE OF MONTANA, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,  
v.

AUSTIN KNUDSEN; ELSIE ARNTZEN;  
J.P. GALLAGHER; AND THE CITY OF  
HELENA,

Defendants.

Cause No. 2:23-cv-00050-BMM

**STATE DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED  
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME TO FILE RESPONSE TO  
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR  
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

On July 17, 2023, Plaintiffs filed their Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction (Doc. 4/“Motion”). Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(d)(1)(B)(ii), Defendants Knudsen and Arntzen’s (the “State Defendants”) Response to Plaintiffs’ Motion must be filed within 14 days after the Motion was entered in the docket. The State Defendants’ Response is therefore currently due on July 31, 2023. Due to unforeseen circumstances and undersigned counsel’s preexisting litigation deadlines and workload, the State Defendants respectfully request a brief two-day extension of time to file their Response. This is the State Defendants’ first request for an extension of time. Undersigned counsel has contacted counsel of record for Plaintiffs and the City of Helena, and said counsel do not object to the sought extension.

For the foregoing reasons, the State Defendants respectfully request that the due date for their Response to Plaintiffs’ Motion be extended by two days, to and including August 2, 2023.

DATED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on this date, an accurate copy of the foregoing document was served electronically through the Court's CM/ECF system on registered counsel.

Dated: July 31, 2023

/s/ *Michael Russell*

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